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> Re: AT&T Mobility Case 16-CA-027896

> > Communication Workers Of America, Local 6215 (AT&T) Case 16-CB-008278

Dear Ms. Shelton:

Your appeal from the Regional Director's refusal to issue complaint in the above-captioned cases has been carefully considered. The appeal is denied substantially for the reasons set forth in the Regional Director's letters of April 25, 2011.

Contrary to your assertion on appeal, the Regional Director applied the appropriate legal precedent under the National Labor Relations Act (the Act) in deciding these matters. First, the evidence establishes that Section 10(b) of the Act bars further processing of your allegations against the Employer. Specifically, the investigation revealed that you were aware of the alleged conduct by the Employer six months before you filed the unfair labor practice charge in the matter. As a result, your failure to file a timely charge bars any further consideration of the issues against the Employer.

Second, with respect to the Union, a violation of Section 8(b)(1)(A) can only be established if it can be shown that a union's decision in carrying out its duties is motivated by discriminatory, arbitrary, or capricious considerations. *Vaca v. Sipes*, 368 U.S. 171 (1967). The National Labor Relations Board has further held that something more than mere negligence or the exercise of poor judgment on the Union's part must be show in order to support a finding of unlawfulness. *Teamsters Local 692 (Great Western Unifreight)*, 209 NLRB 446 (1974). In this regard, the Union accepted, processed and investigated your grievance and also met with the Employer. Moreover, the investigation further revealed that your grievance was still pending at the time of

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the Regional Office's dismissal of the charge in Case 16-CB-8278. Moreover, the investigation revealed no evidence that the Union's actions were based on unlawful considerations. Accordingly, in these circumstances, further proceedings are unwarranted.

Sincerely,

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